



The Mounted Eagles'



Mane Tales

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Wonderful Winter! What a year 2020 brought us! Mounted Eagles certainly had our share of peaks and valleys! One of our greatest highlights was our fall fundraiser, An Evening for ME. The raffle had its most SUCCESSFUL year ever! With the help of our volunteers, riders, employees and community members we were able to sell over 1000 raffle tickets. Without YOU we would not have achieved such a feat! The number of sponsors who supported us financially for this fundraising event was an outpouring of love, grace, and support that we are extremely grateful for; especially during a year that was anything but ordinary!

The evening of the event brought many smiling faces both familiar and new. We were pleased to welcome many of our riders who took their walk on the red carpet in celebration of their participation at Mounted Eagles; a BIG reason we are motivated to continue the program! We look forward to seeing you all at our 2021 An Evening for ME event in October!

An Evening for ME Sponsors

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Mounted Eagles is a 501(c) non-profit organization.

Our Mission Statement: Mounted Eagles enhances the lives of program participants, volunteers and the community by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from therapeutic, developmental and educational equine-assisted activities

Mounted Eagles Is Looking For You!

Have some free time on your hands and wondering what you could do to make a difference in someone's life? Ever thought about working with horses and individuals with special needs but do not have any experience with either, just the desire to help? If you answered yes to these questions, Mounted Eagles is looking for volunteers and volunteering with us might be just what you are looking for. We train our volunteers, so you do not need to have the experience! Our volunteers are placed in positions where they feel most comfortable with the horses and/or the individuals participating in our program. We need volunteers who are dependable and able to commit to a regular schedule that works for them and the program. Mounted Eagles' volunteers and horses become some of the most stable 'fixtures' in the lives of our participants so it is important that they be able to depend on us. Our lesson days are Tuesday, 10:30-3:00 – Wednesday, 1:30-6:00 – Thursday, 3:30-8:00. We currently have volunteer openings on each of these days. Our riding schedule includes 38 lesson weeks per year, so don't be worried if you are not able to commit to coming every week. We take breaks and are also willing to work with your schedule.

If you cannot volunteer on days that we have program activities, perhaps you would be interested in committing to a few hours a week to drop by the barn and spend some 'enrichment' time with our horses, just playing in the arena with them, taking them for a walk around the grounds, spending some special time with them. No riding, just visiting and giving them some one-on-one attention. To perform this type of volunteering you would need to have some horse experience. Enrichment activities would be performed on days we do not have program riding, Monday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

If you would rather volunteer behind the scenes, then you could help us out in a volunteer capacity by being involved in fund raising events, Public Relation assignments or by joining our Board of Directors.

Go to our website, www.mountedeagles.org, and complete the Volunteer Application. Our Volunteer Records Manager will contact you within two days to discuss your interest and set up an orientation session. You are invited to stop in at the barn on any of our lesson days to observe what we do and how our program works. Just give Aggie a call at 218-568-3968 and we will set it up.

Volunteering for Mounted Eagles could become an experience you will never forget.



Volunteering with Mounted Eagles is rewarding to our participants, our horses and YOU!! Please Join Us!!!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hello Friends of Mounted Eagles! We are happy to have returned from our break to see so many of our riders and volunteers!! We miss the ones who have not been able to join us. We hope that it will not be too long before we see you. There are many exciting things going on in our program! One of them is the development of our Social Media presence, especially on Facebook. Please go to our page like us, share and comment! We want to hear from you. This is a great way for you to let your friends and family know how you support Mounted Eagles! We are currently planning our annual Rider Celebration banquet. Unfortunately, we are currently prohibited from gathering together as we normally do. But don't worry! We have an alternative plan in place that will ensure that each participant is recognized for their 2020 accomplishments in horsemanship! Individual and small group recognitions are being planned for lesson days on March 9, 10 & 11. More information will be provided to riders and their families. We are looking forward to 2021 and plan to get back to normal as much as possible. Please look at the calendar of events listed in this newsletter for upcoming activities and events.

If you have questions or suggestions, we are always willing to listen!!

2021 RIDING SCHEDULE:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tues	12 th 19 th 26 th	2 nd 9 th 16 th	9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	6 th 13 th	4 th 11 th 18 th	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd	13 th 20 th 27 th	3 rd 10 th 17 th	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	5 th 12 th 26 th	2 nd 9 th 16 th 30 th	7 th 14 th
Wed	13 th 20 th 27 th	3 rd 10 th 17 th	10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st	7 th 14 th	5 th 12 th 19 th	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd	14 th 21 st 28 th	4 th 11 th 18 th	8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th	6 th 13 th 27 th	3 rd 10 th 17 th	1 st 8 th 15 th
Thurs	14 th 21 st 28 th	4 th 11 th 18 th	11 th 18 th 25 th	1 st 8 th 15 th	6 th 13 th 20 th	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th	15 th 22 nd 29 th	5 th 12 th 19 th	9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	7 th 14 th 28 th	4 th 11 th 18 th	2 nd 9 th 16 th

Congratulations to our 2020 Raffle Winners: Eva Froehle – Horses ‘Natural Wild queen quilt; Dominic Plantamera –Black Pine Beach Vacation; Lacy Schik- Rustic Bench; Matt Popham –High Country Crossing Wall Hanging; Greg Zylka – jellyroll rug; Rachel Triplett – Lavender spa kit; Alyssa Fox \$200 cash; Eva Froehle- \$100; Tracie Churchill - \$50; Steve Germann \$50

Many thanks to the generosity of our **Board Members** and **Black Pine Beach Resort** for their donations of the wonderful Raffle Prizes.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

WAYS YOU CAN HELP RAISE MONEY FOR MOUNTED EAGLES AS YOU CONDUCT YOUR DAILY AFFAIRS!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 24	Volunteer Training
March-April	Pizza Sales
March 9, 10 & 11	Rider Recognition
April 22	Volunteer Training
April/May	Pie and Projects
June 30	Volunteer Training
July 24	Special Olympics Horse Show (tentative)
July 24	2021 Raffle Kick Off
September 2	Volunteer Training
October 17	Participant Horse Show (tentative)
October 22	An Evening for ME/Raffle Drawing

Extra, Extra

Read All About It!

The Raffle winner of the Black Pine Beach Vacation is unable to use the prize and has generously donated it back to Mounted Eagles to "Auction Off" to the highest bidder. We will be conducting an on-line auction via Mounted Eagles' Facebook page for this great vacation package. Stay tuned to our FB page so you don't miss out on this opportunity!

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